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A.—Orders have been passed in G.O. No. 647, Law (Education), dated 5th April 1929, copy of which is placed on the table.[a]

Appointment of a committee to report on secondary education for girls.

*31 Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to question No. 1538 on 28th February 1929 relating to the appointment of a committee to consider and report on the question of secondary education for girls—

(*a*) whether the question has been considered by the Government and whether they have arrived at any decision thereon; and

(*b*) if so, whether they will be pleased to place the decision on the Council table?

A.—The hon. Member's attention is invited to G.O. No. 578, Education, dated 23rd March 1929, which has been placed on the Editors' Table. The Government do not propose to appoint a committee at present.

Introduction of rural primary education in Saidapet taluk.

*32 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: With reference to the answer to question No. 1611, answered on 2nd March 1929, will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have since received the information called for regarding the introduction of rural primary education in Saidapet taluk; and

(*b*) if so, whether they will place it on the Council table?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The information furnished by the President, Taluk Board, Saidapet, is placed on the table.[b]

Revision of the Grant-in-Aid Code.

*33 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) when he proposes to amend the Grant-in-Aid Code; and

(*b*) the reasons for the delay?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The question of the revision of the Graut-in-Aid Code is under consideration in consultation with the Finance Department and orders will be issued as early as possible.

Revision of the Grant-in-Aid Code

*34 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether any final conclusions have been arrived at regarding the revision of the Grant-in-Aid Code?

A.—The matter is being considered in consultation with the Finance Department.

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[a] Printed as Appendix VII on pages 113–114 infra.
[b] Printed as Appendix VIII on pages 114–115 infra.

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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know how long this question of the revision of the Grant-in-Aid Code has been under the consideration of the hon. the Minister ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" For the last two and a half years."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know, Sir, the reason for this delay of two years and a half to revise the Grant-in-Aid Code ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It is a complicated question requiring detailed consideration."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : —" May I know, Sir, when he expects to be in a position to issue orders ? The wording 'as early as possible' in the answer does not convey any idea of time."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I cannot say when the revised Code will be ready."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether it will be revised before the end of this Council ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It has been answered."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, if this question is complicated owing to its connexion with the amendment of the Elementary Education Bill ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No, Sir. It has no connexion with the Elementary Education Bill."

Proposed reduction of grants for the purchase of scientific appliances.

*35 *Q*.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have come to any decision regarding the proposed reduction of grants for the purchase of scientific appliances from two-thirds to half ;

(*b*) what are the replies received by the Director of Public Instruction on the matter from the headmasters of schools ; and

(*c*) how the Government propose to utilize the savings effected ?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have decided that the system of giving grants equal to two-thirds of the cost of buildings and equipment required for the teaching of scientific subjects might continue for the present.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know what the phrase 'for the present' in the answer means ? Does the Government propose to reconsider the question ? If so, when ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I cannot give any undertaking on this question ? "

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" I am asking, Sir, for an explanation of the phrase 'for the present'. I am also asking whether Government have adjourned the consideration of the question *sine die*, or when they propose to consider the question."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I think my hon. Friend is as much an expert in English as anybody else, and he should know the meaning."